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## THE HEDGEHOG

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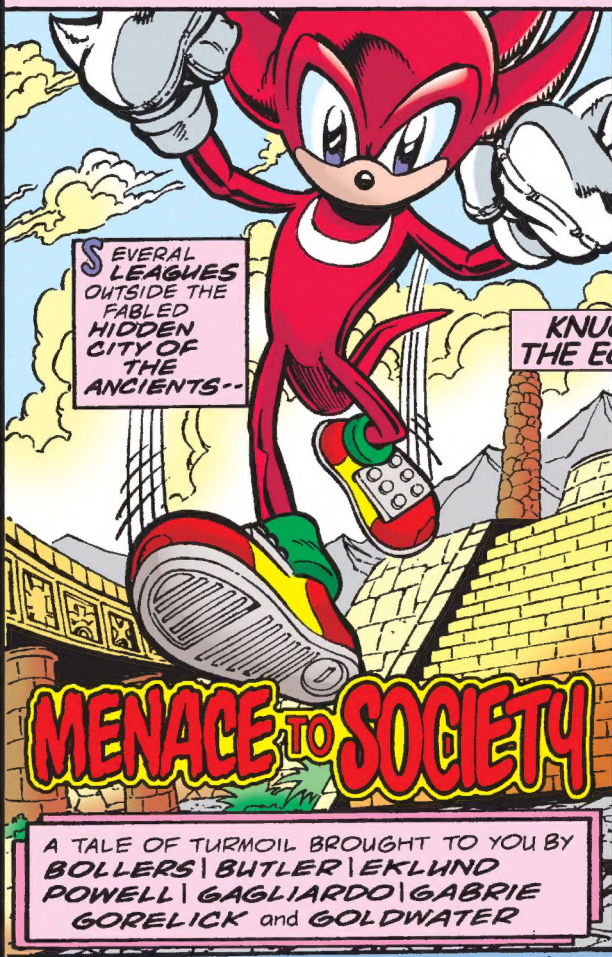
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SPAR  
HARZO  
RAY

After ten long years, the iron-fisted rule of DOCTOR ROBOTNIK over planet MOBIUS was believed to have finally ended! With the technological tyrant vanquished and his smelly factories shut down, order and beauty were restored to the city of MOBOTROPOLIS. Now the villain has returned to wreak havoc once more, but there are many who are willing to stand against him in the fight for freedom. The bravest among them is a brash, blue streak who just happens to be the fastest thing alive!

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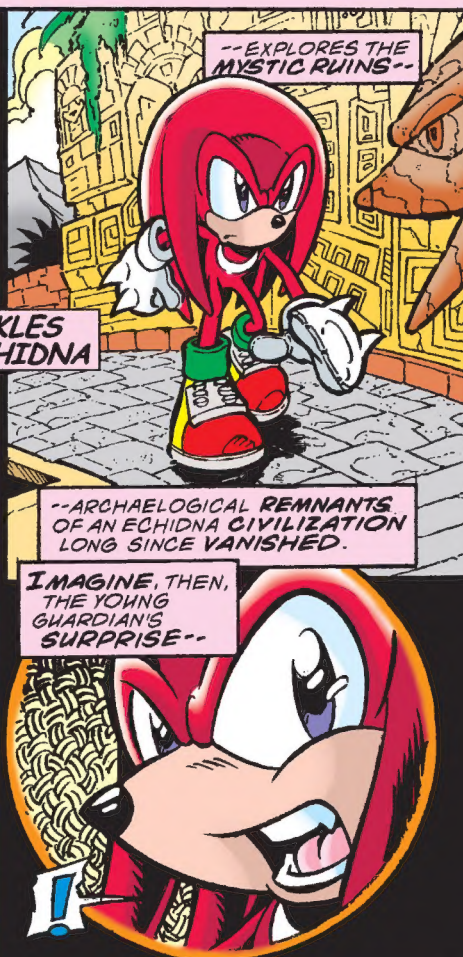


SEVERAL LEAGUES OUTSIDE THE FABLED HIDDEN CITY OF THE ANCIENTS--

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

# MENACE TO SOCIETY

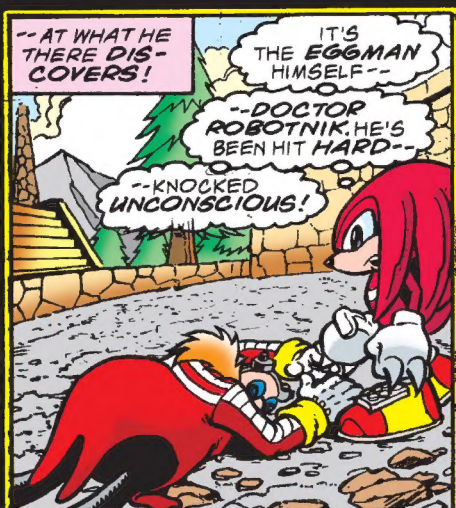
A TALE OF TURMOIL BROUGHT TO YOU BY  
BOLLERS | BUTLER | EKLUND  
POWELL | GAGLIARDO | GABRIE  
GORELICK and GOLDWATER



--EXPLORES THE MYSTIC RUINS--

--ARCHAEOLOGICAL REMNANTS OF AN ECHIDNA CIVILIZATION LONG SINCE VANISHED.

IMAGINE, THEN, THE YOUNG GUARDIAN'S SURPRISE--

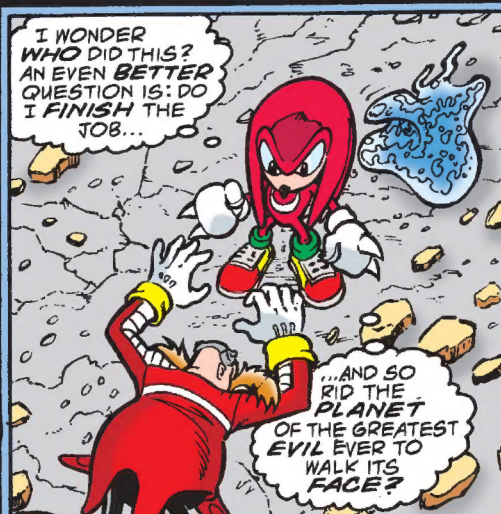


-- AT WHAT HE THERE DISCOVERS!

IT'S THE EGGMAN HIMSELF--

--DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, HE'S BEEN HIT HARD--

--KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS!



I WONDER WHO DID THIS? AN EVEN BETTER QUESTION IS: DO I FINISH THE JOB...

...AND SO RID THE PLANET OF THE GREATEST EVIL EVER TO WALK ITS FACE?

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**M**EANWHILE IN  
THE HIDDEN CITY...

...AT THE LUXURIOUS  
STATION SQUARE  
HOTEL...

SO THE **GOOD**  
NEWS IS THAT NOW THE  
REST OF YOU **FREEDOM**  
**FIGHTERS** COULD RELAX  
AND TOTALLY **CHILL!**

SORTA THE WAY  
ROBOTNIK'S **WATER MONSTER**  
DID AFTER ME AND KNUCKLES  
"MOPPED" UP THE **FLOOR**  
WITH IT!<sup>1</sup>

HA! HA!  
GOOD ONE,  
SONIC!

THANKS,  
TAILS--- BUT  
NOW... I'VE  
GOTTA  
BREAK THE  
**BAD NEWS.**  
I KINDA  
LOST YOUR  
**BI-PLANE,**  
BUD, AND I'M  
WAY  
SORRY...

THANKS,  
NATE--- I'M ON IT  
LIKE **CHILI** ON  
HOT-DOGS!

COUNT  
ME IN!

NEVER FEAR, YOUTHFUL  
HEDGEHOG. WHEN I **DESIGNED**  
OUR FOXY FRIEND'S **AIR-**  
**CRAFT,** I HAD THE **FORE-**  
**SIGHT** TO INSTALL A  
**TRACER.**

THIS **DEVICE** WILL  
ENABLE YOU TO **HOM**E IN  
ON ITS **BEACON.**

SEVERAL  
HEART-  
BEATS  
LATER...

SONIC--  
LOOK OVER  
THERE!

IT'S  
KNUCKLES--  
IS HE--?

WAIT A SEC,  
TAILS! I'VE TRADED  
BODY BLOWS  
WITH KNUX ON MORE  
THAN A FEW  
OCCASIONS--  
BELIEVE ME, HE'S  
ONE TOUGH  
CUSTOMER!

UNNH...

I WAS  
STRUCK BY  
... I CAN'T  
REMEMBER!

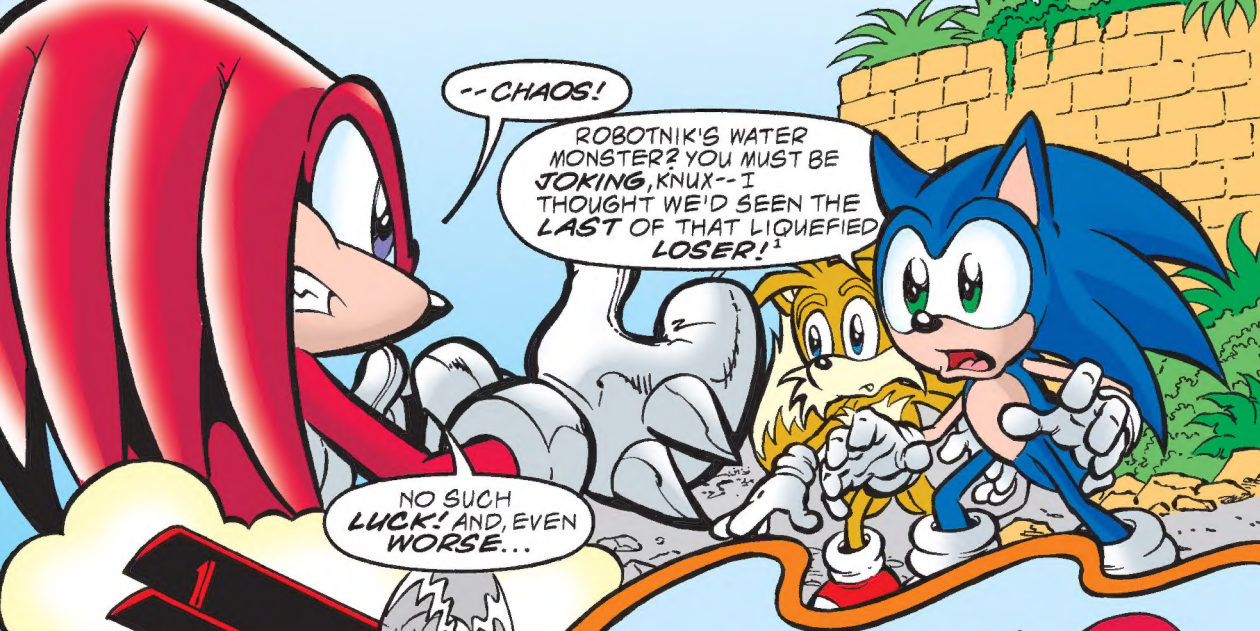
SEE?  
YOU OKAY,  
RAD RED?

TA-TA!  
MISCREANTS! DON'T  
WORRY... I'LL  
SOON RETURN  
TO CRUSH YOU  
ALL!

THAT OUGHT  
TO JOG YOUR  
MEMORY--IT  
WAS RO"BU"TT"  
NIK!

AFTER  
'IM!

NO, WAIT--  
IT'S STARTING TO  
COME BACK TO ME.  
IT WASN'T THAT TIN-  
PLATED TYRANT  
WHO JUMPED ME.  
IT WAS...



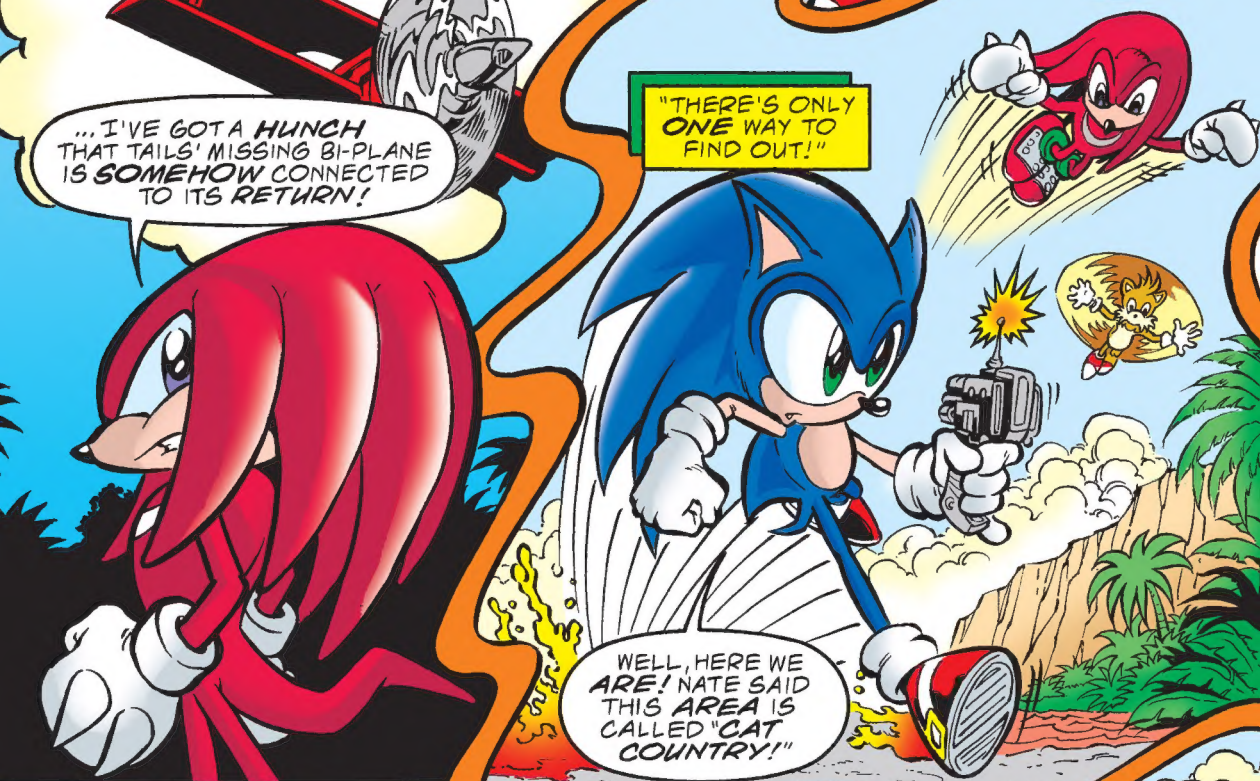
--CHAOS!

ROBOTNIK'S WATER MONSTER? YOU MUST BE JOKING, KNUX-- I THOUGHT WE'D SEEN THE LAST OF THAT LIQUEFIED LOSER!

NO SUCH LUCK! AND, EVEN WORSE...

...I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT TAILS' MISSING BI-PLANE IS SOMEHOW CONNECTED TO ITS RETURN!

"THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!"



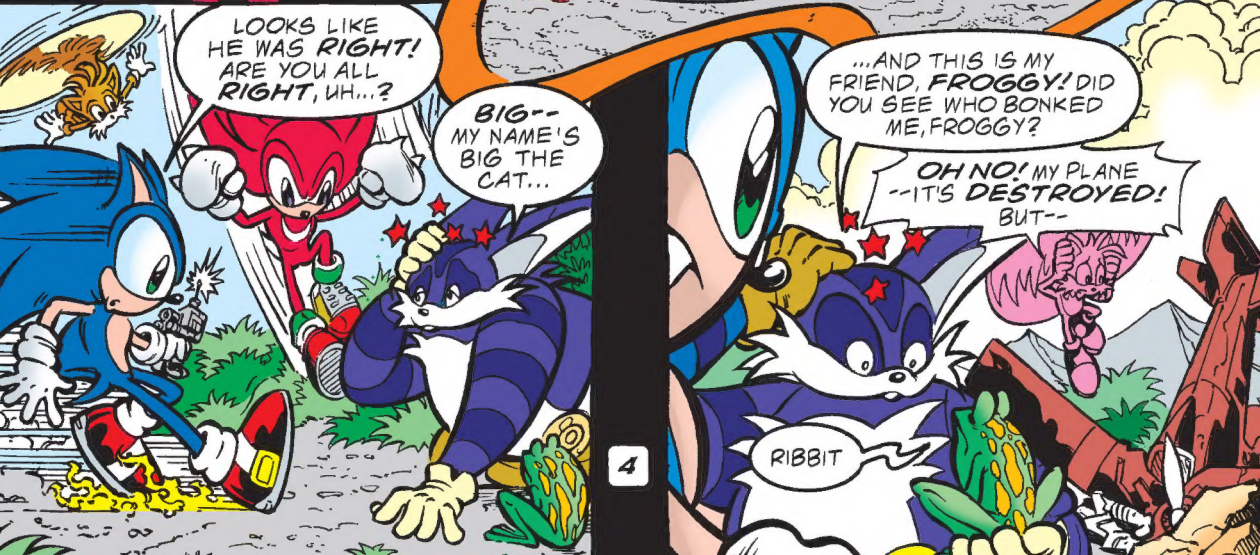
WELL, HERE WE ARE! NATE SAID THIS AREA IS CALLED "CAT COUNTRY!"

LOOKS LIKE HE WAS RIGHT! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, WH...?

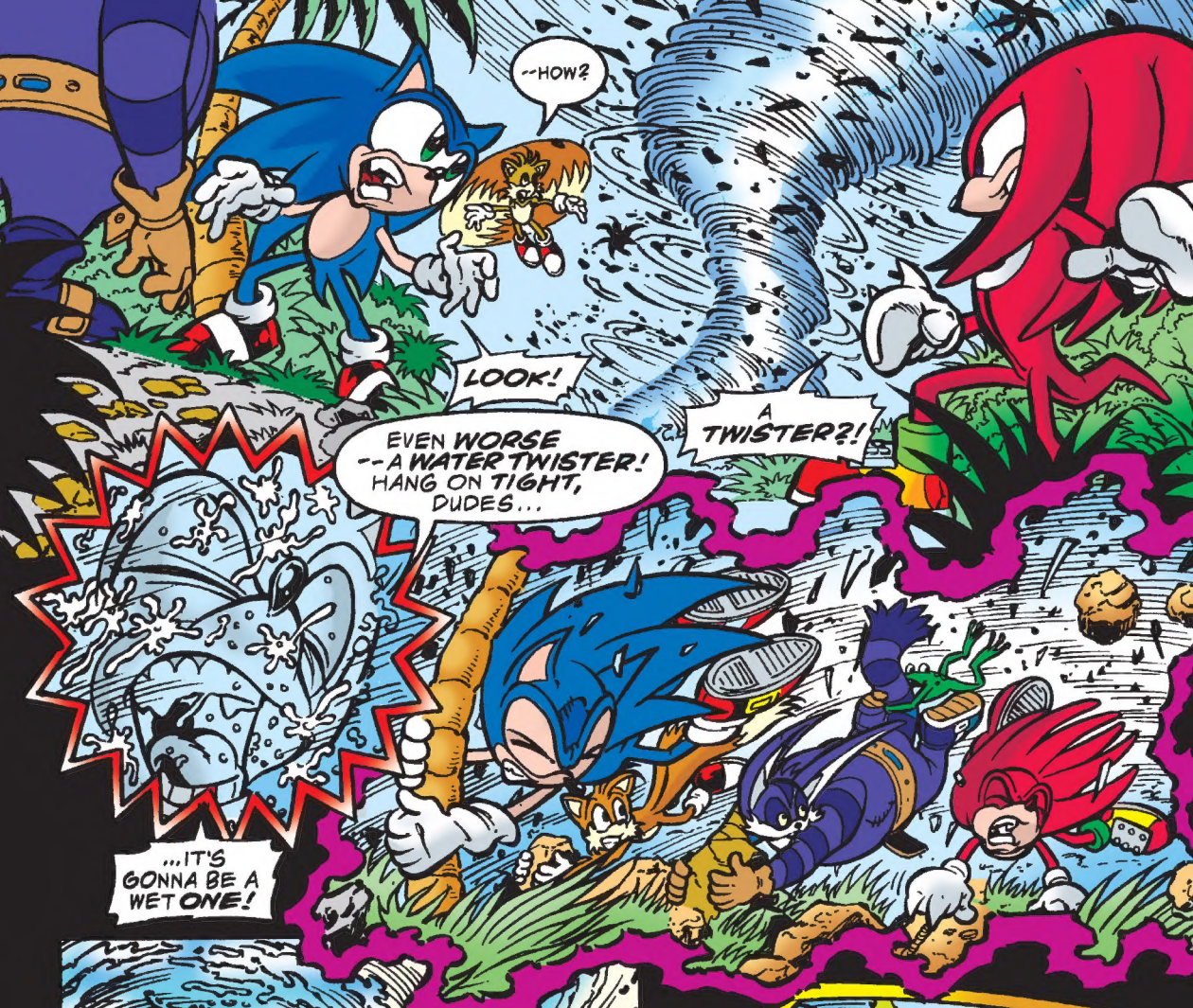
BIG-- MY NAME'S BIG THE CAT...

...AND THIS IS MY FRIEND, FROGGY! DID YOU SEE WHO BONKED ME, FROGGY?

OH NO! MY PLANE --IT'S DESTROYED! BUT--



RIBBIT



--HOW?

LOOK!

EVEN WORSE  
--A WATER TWISTER!  
HANG ON TIGHT,  
DUDES...

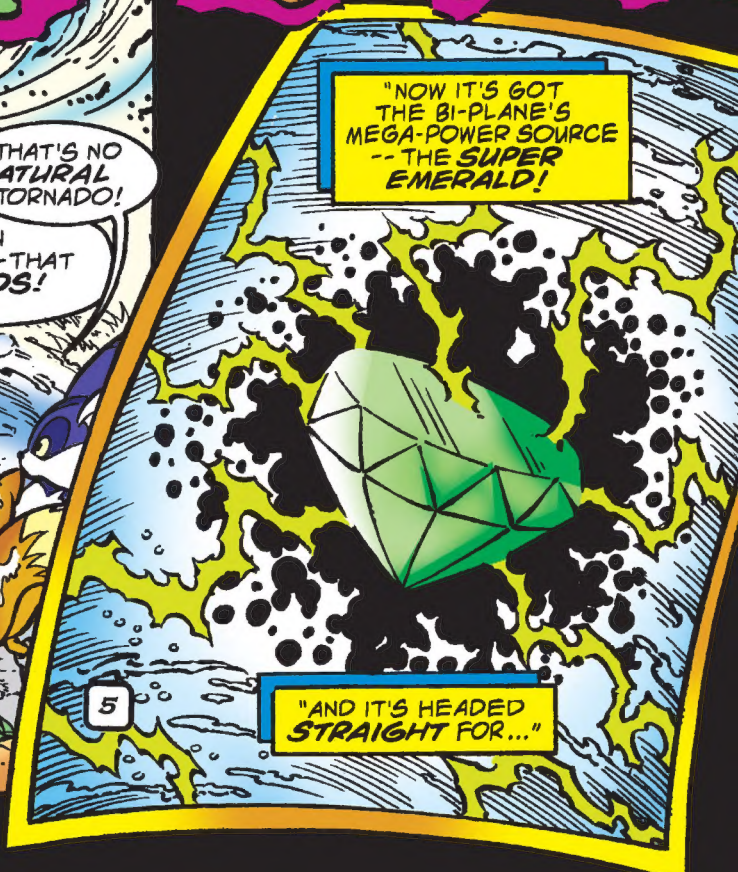
A  
TWISTER?!

...IT'S  
GONNA BE A  
WET ONE!



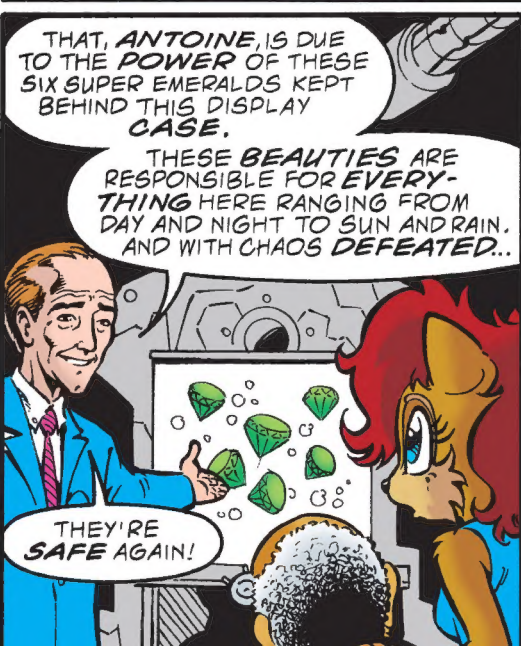
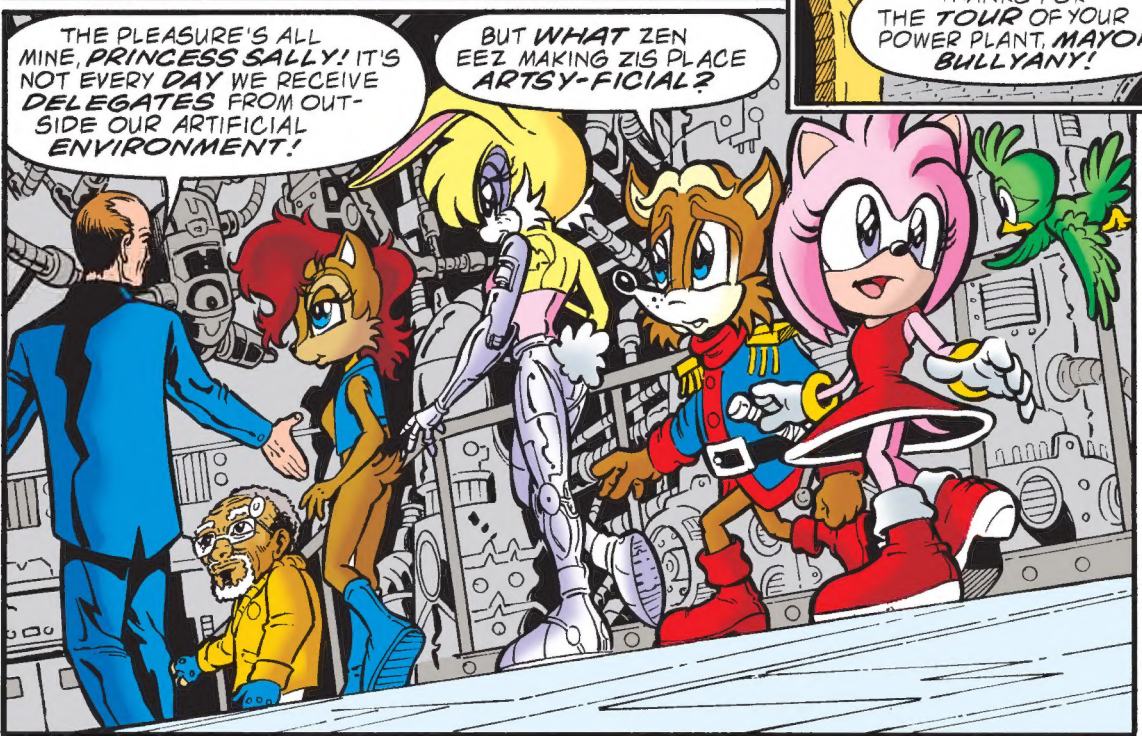
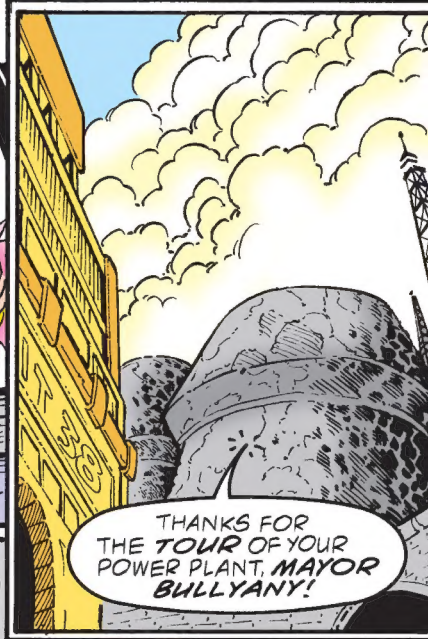
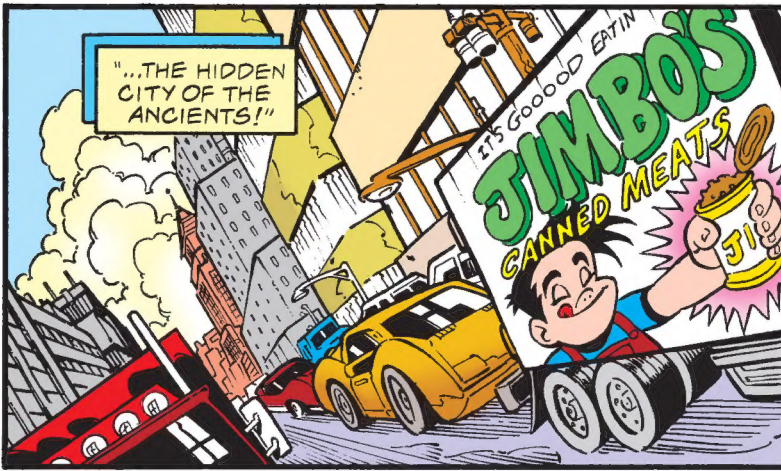
THAT'S NO  
NATURAL  
TORNADO!

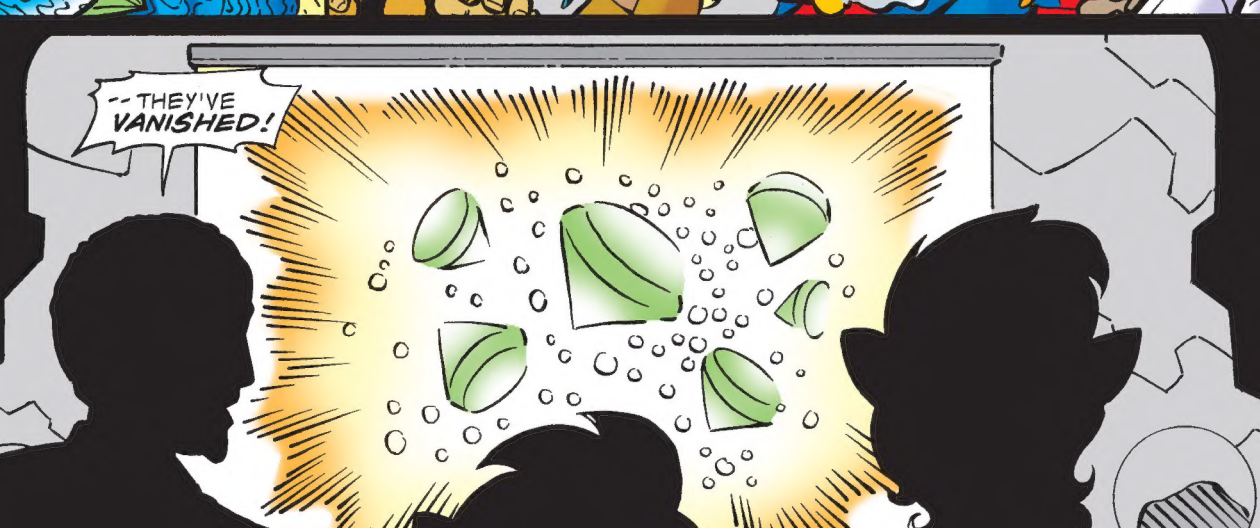
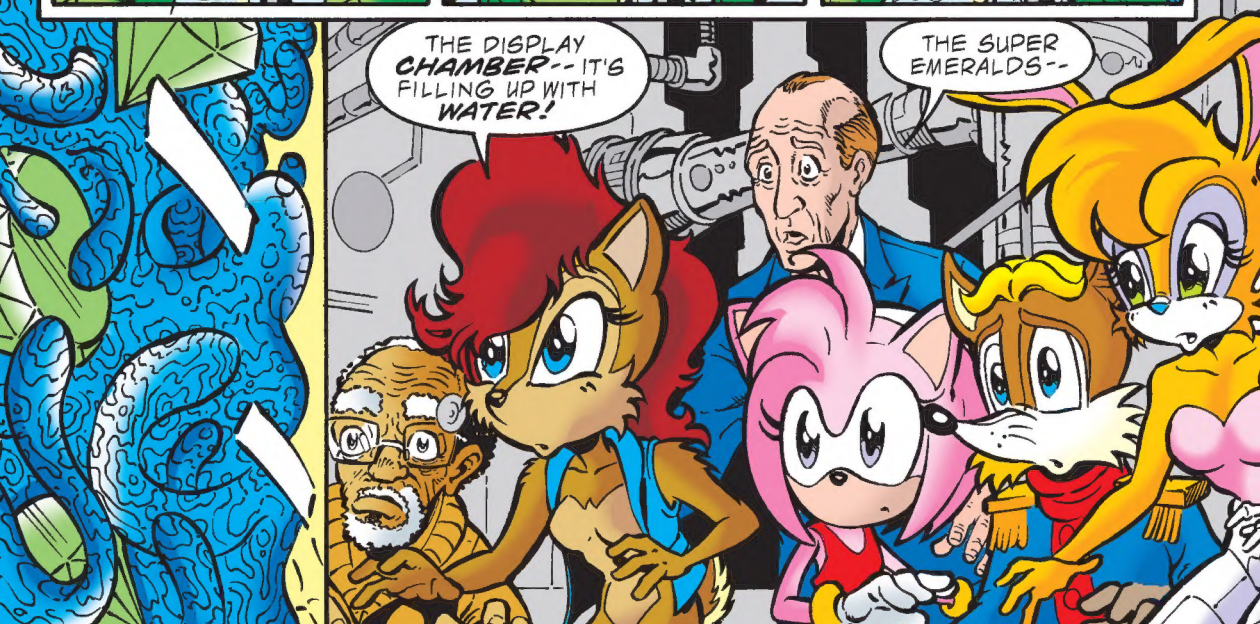
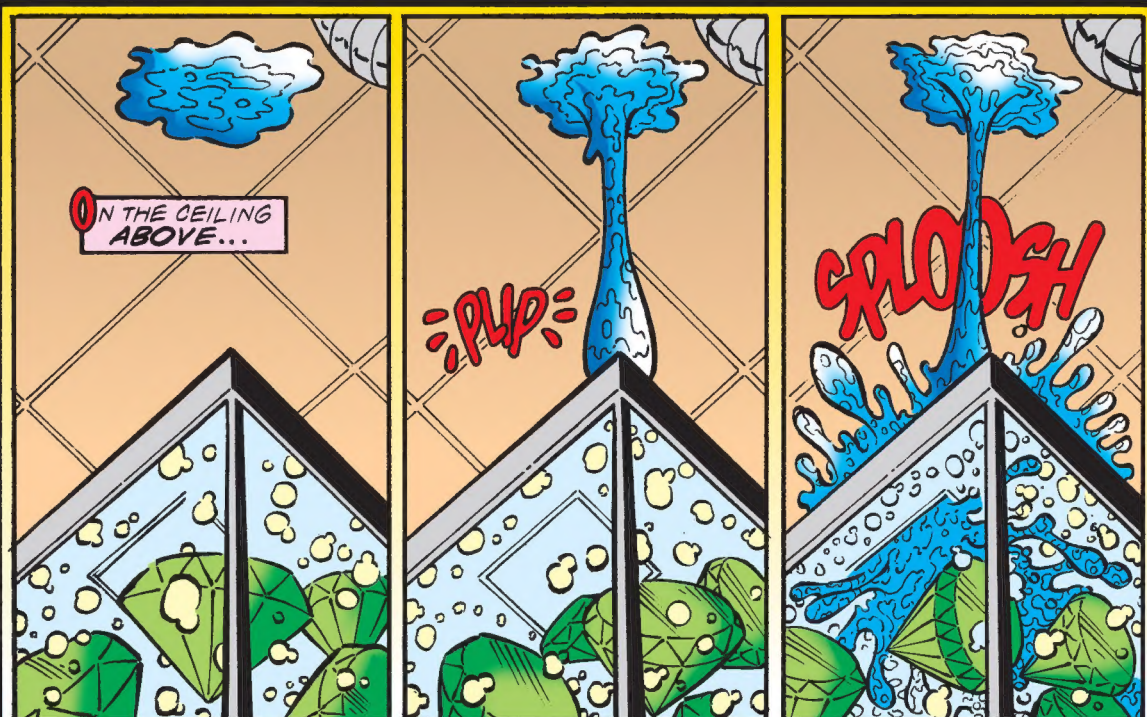
DARN  
TOOTIN--THAT  
WAS CHAOS!

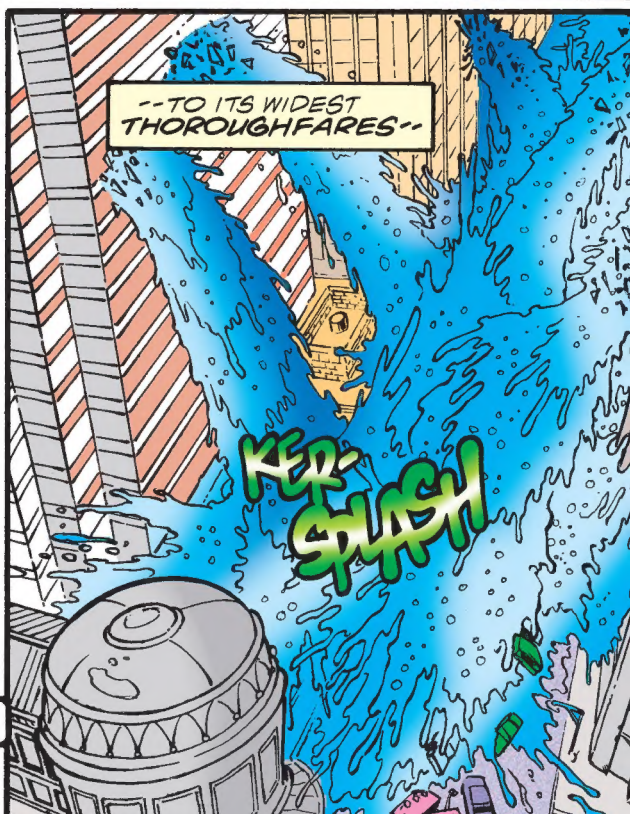
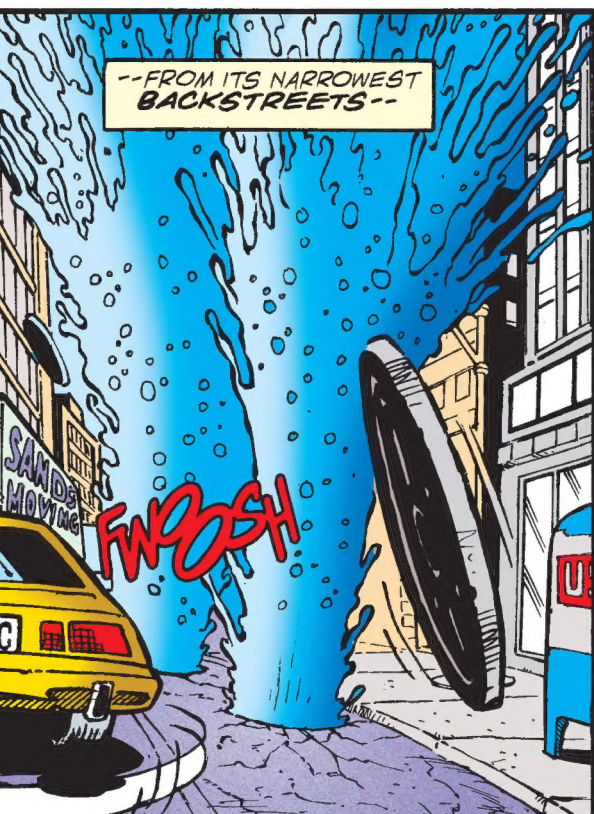
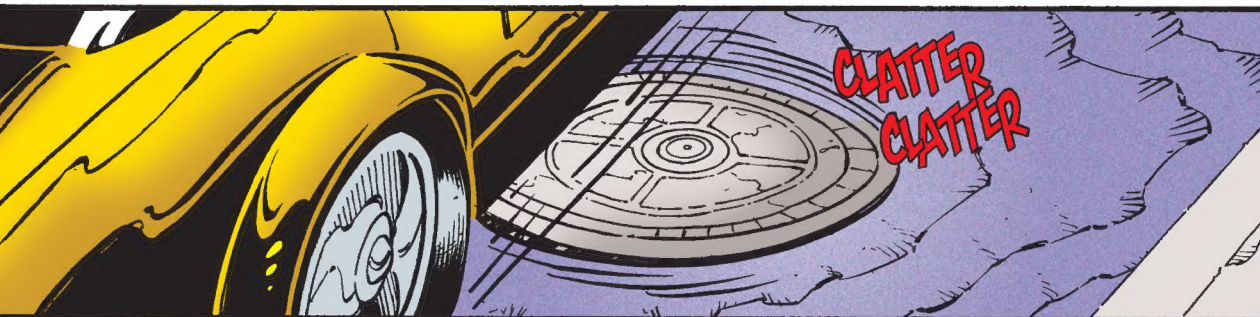
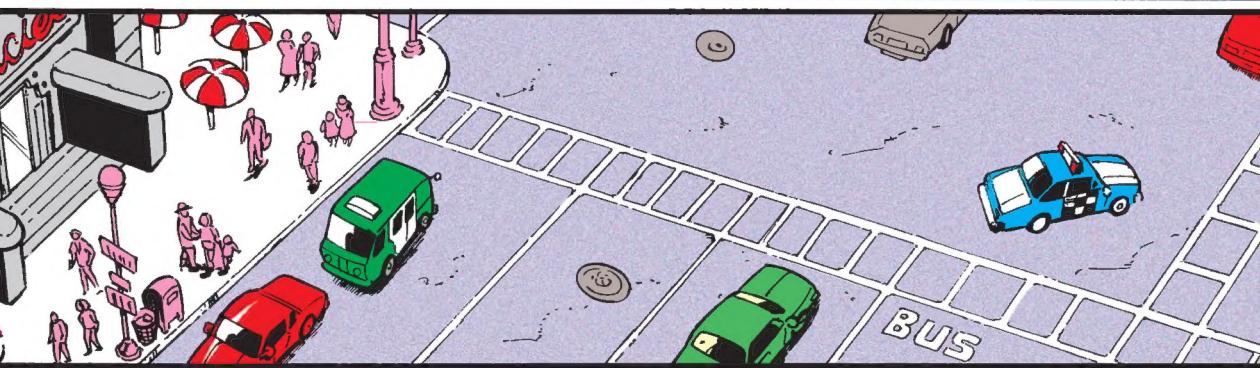
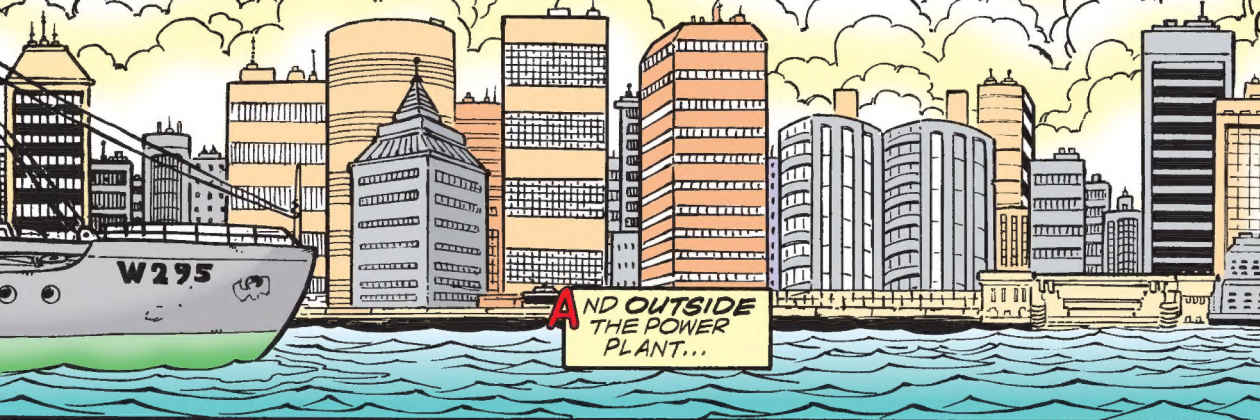


"NOW IT'S GOT  
THE BI-PLANE'S  
MEGA-POWER SOURCE  
--THE SUPER  
EMERALD!"

"AND IT'S HEADED  
STRAIGHT FOR..."







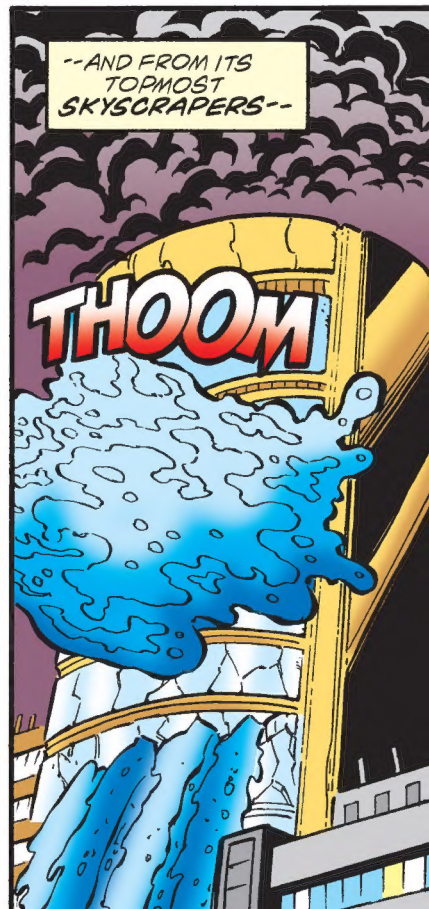
--BENEATH  
ITS BUSTLING  
AVENUES--

**SPLOOSH**

--ACROSS ITS  
TRAFFIC-FILLED  
HIGHWAYS--

**KRAKT**

**SPLASH**



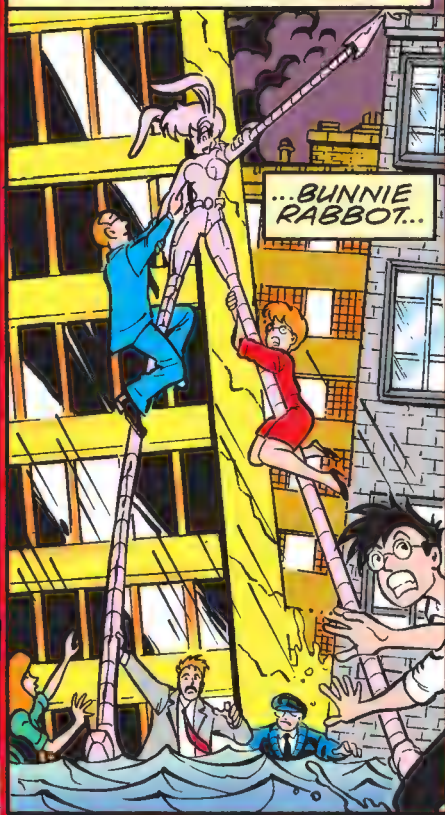
--AND FROM ITS  
TOPMOST  
SKYSCRAPERS--

**--CHAOS**  
REIGNS SUPREME--



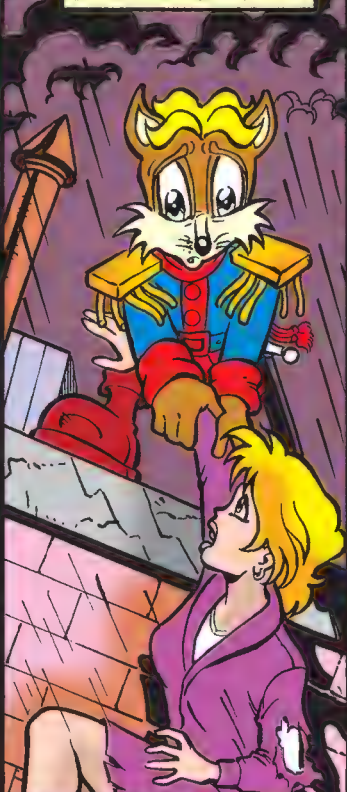
--THREATENING  
TO WASH AWAY  
THE HIDDEN  
CITY!

**T**HE VISITING FREEDOM FIGHTERS IMMEDIATELY GO INTO "RESCUE MODE..."

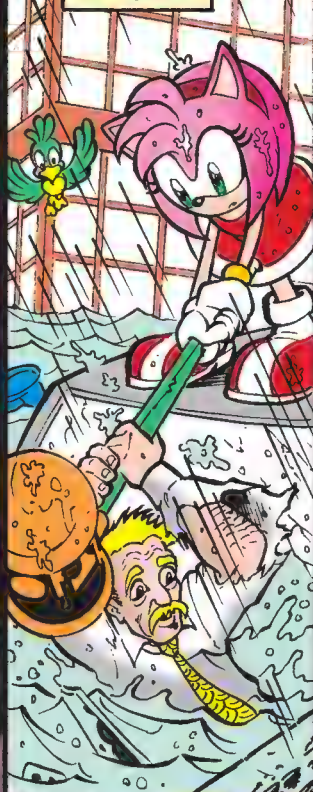


...BUNNIE RABBOT...

...ANTOINE D'COOLETTE...

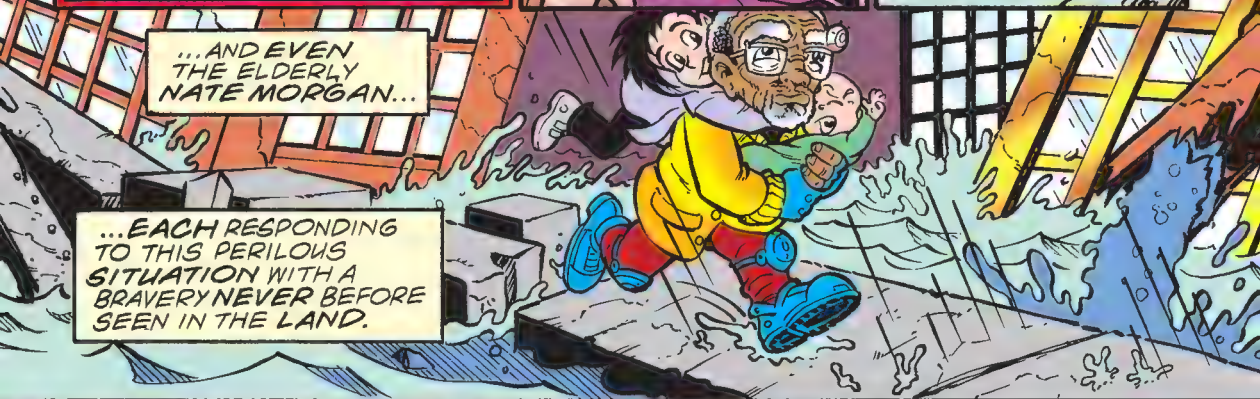


...AMY ROSE...

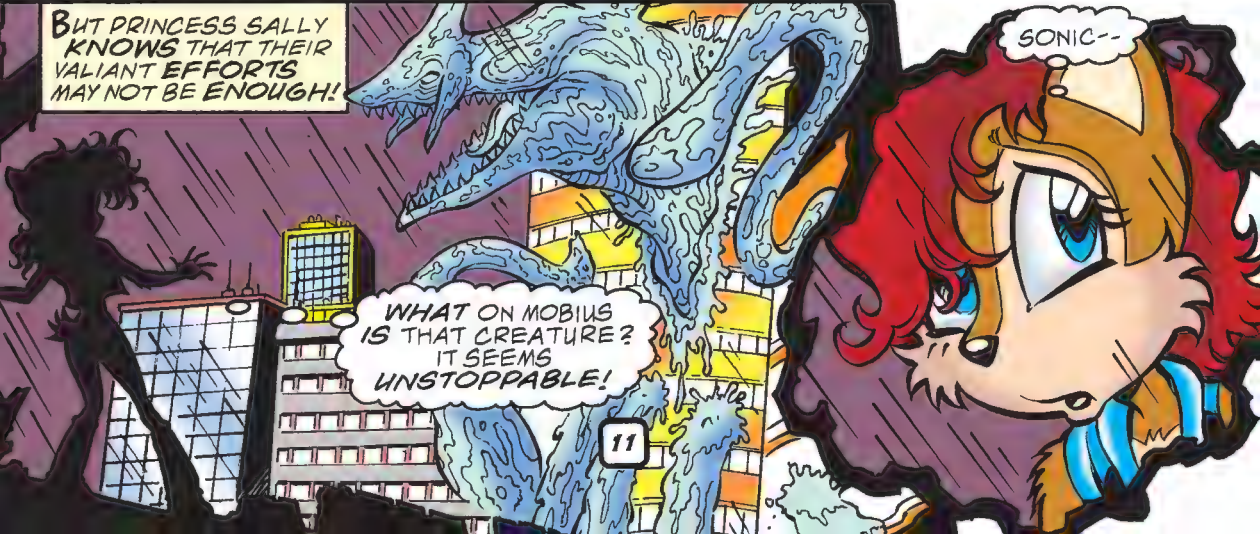


...AND EVEN THE ELDERLY NATE MORGAN...

...EACH RESPONDING TO THIS PERILOUS SITUATION WITH A BRAVERY NEVER BEFORE SEEN IN THE LAND.

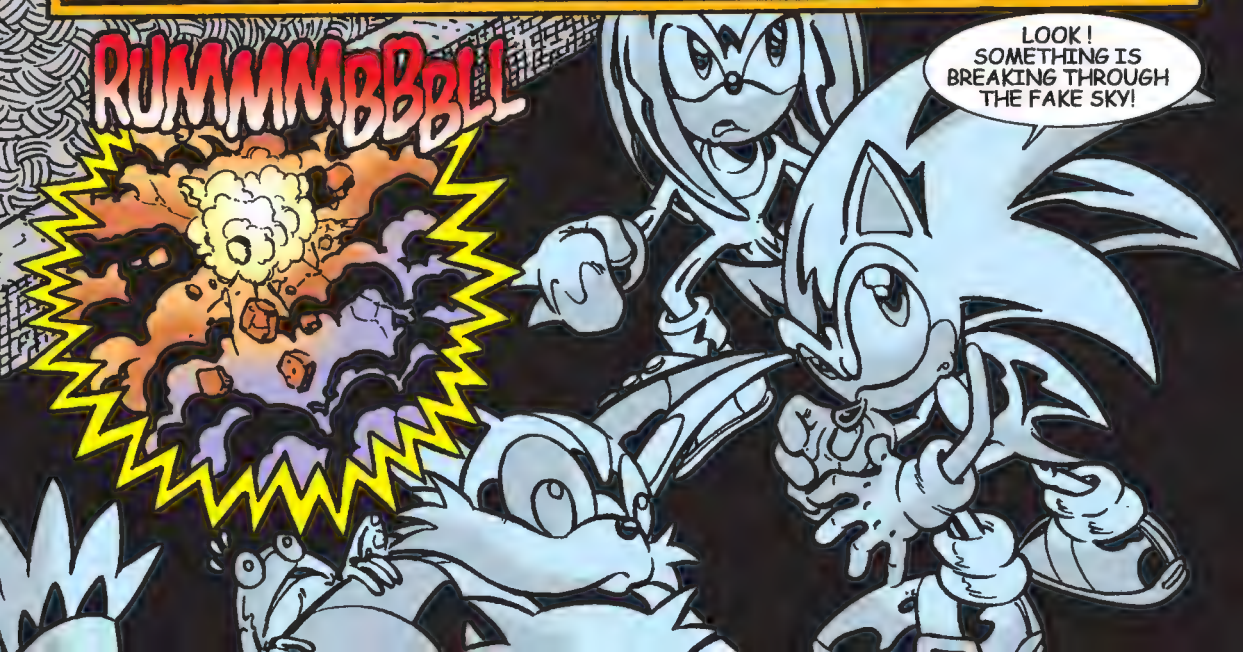
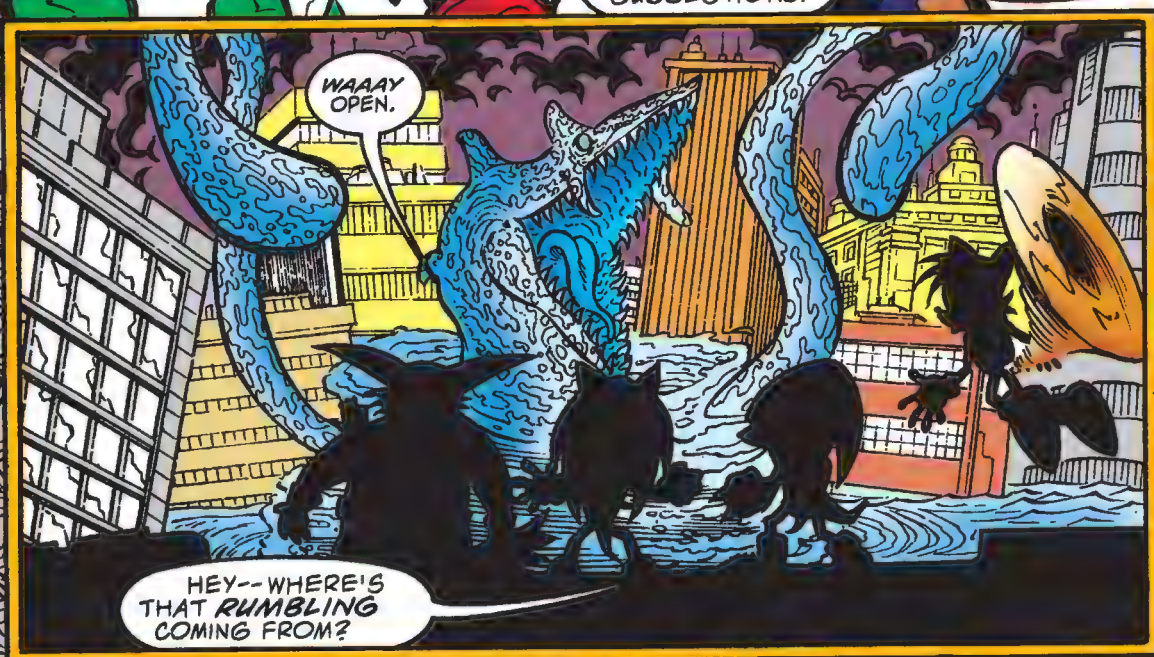
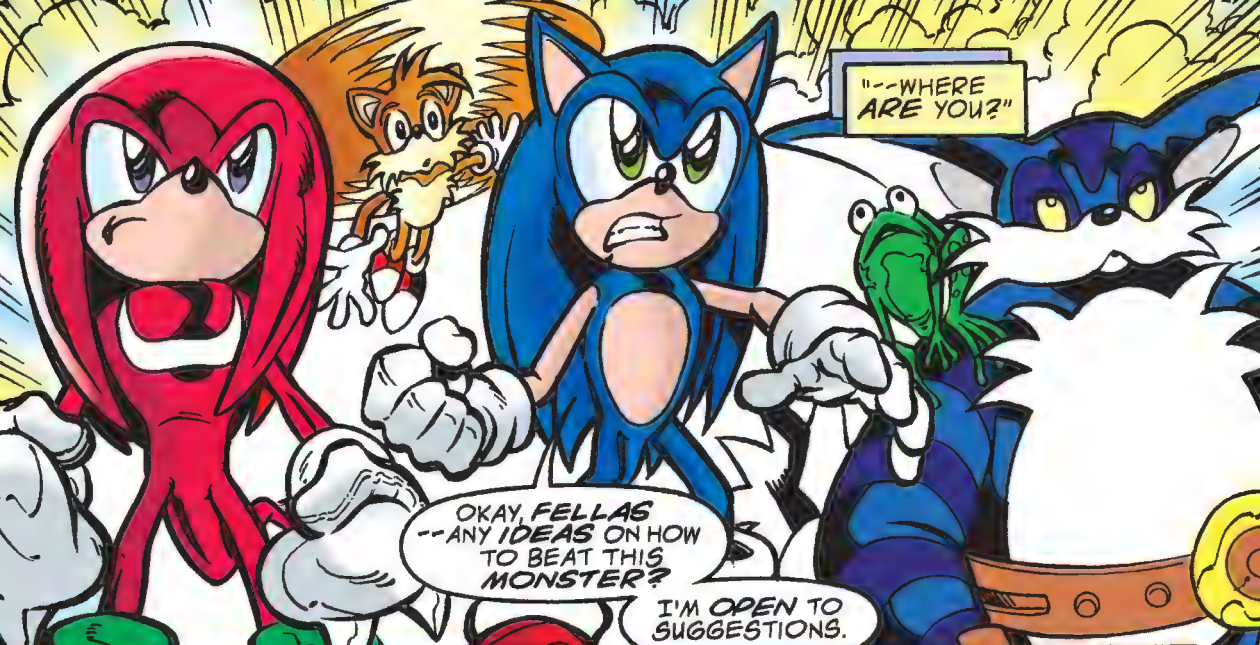


**B**UT PRINCESS SALLY KNOWS THAT THEIR VALIANT EFFORTS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH!



WHAT ON MOBIUS IS THAT CREATURE?  
IT SEEMS UNSTOPPABLE!

SONIC--



SK-THOOM



IT'S  
OUR  
ROBOTNIK

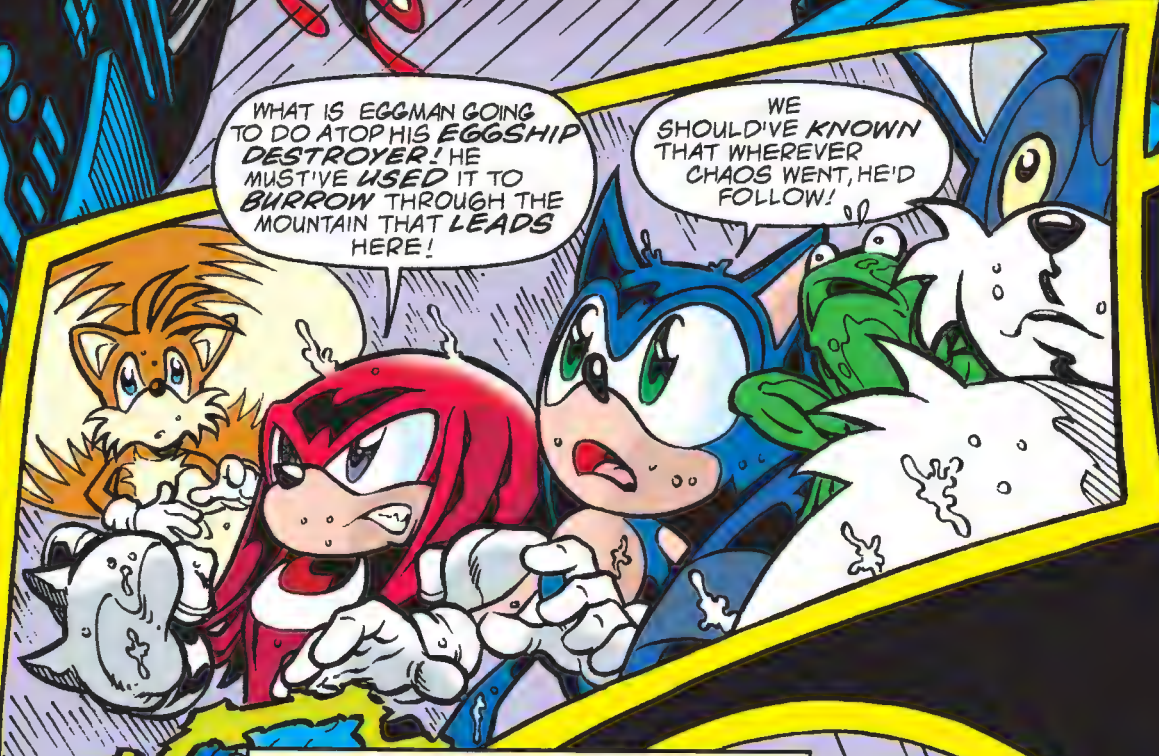
HO! HO!  
HO! HO!



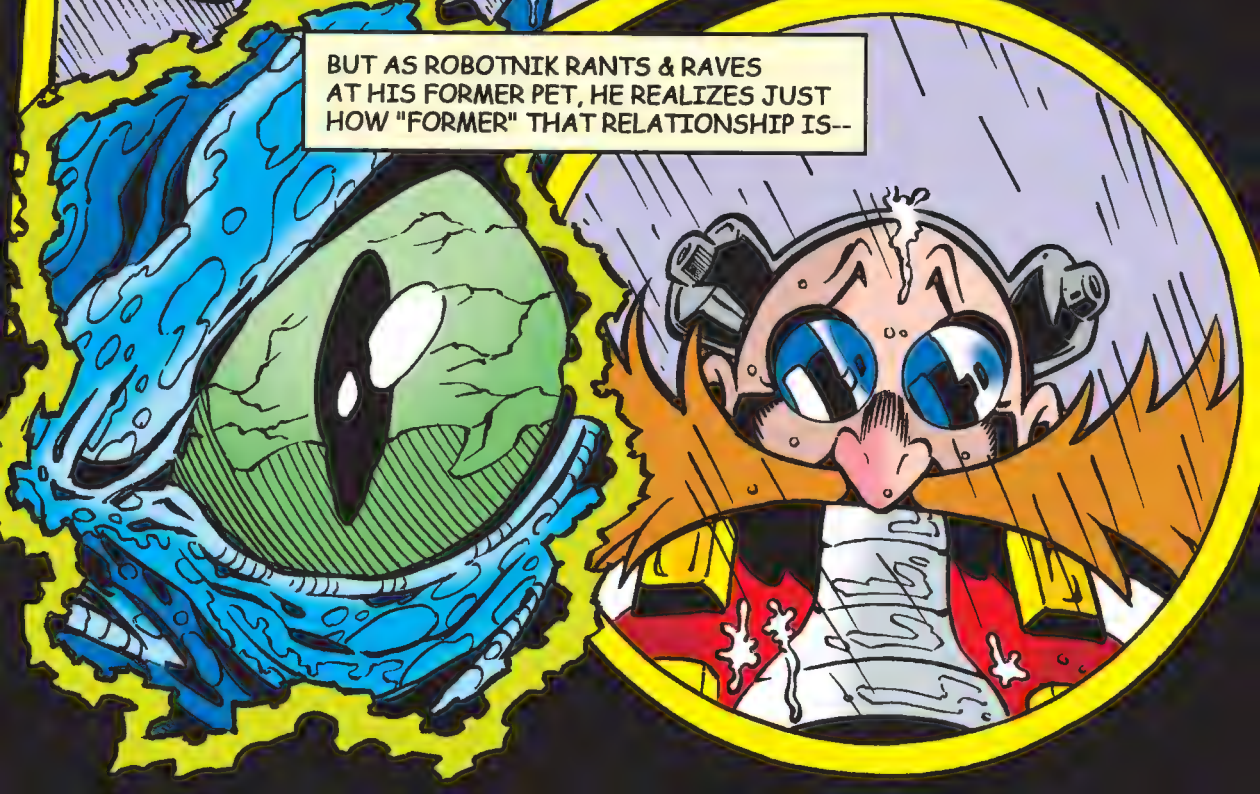
I'M BAAACK!

WHAT IS EGGMAN GOING TO DO ATOP HIS EGGSHIP DESTROYER! HE MUST'VE USED IT TO BURROW THROUGH THE MOUNTAIN THAT LEADS HERE!

WE SHOULD'VE KNOWN THAT WHEREVER CHAOS WENT, HE'D FOLLOW!



BUT AS ROBOTNIK RANTS & RAVES AT HIS FORMER PET, HE REALIZES JUST HOW "FORMER" THAT RELATIONSHIP IS--



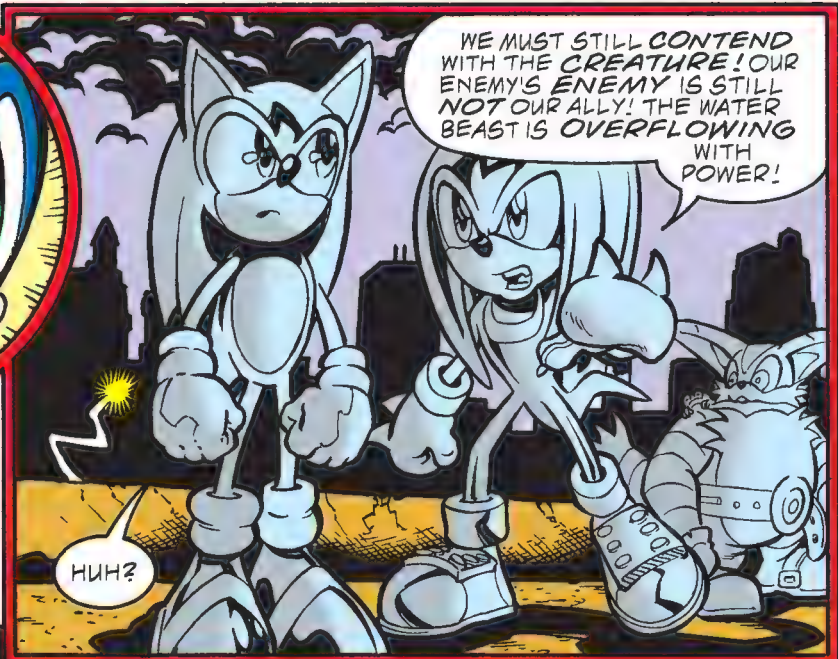
--THE HARD  
WAY!

SAILRD-  
THOOM

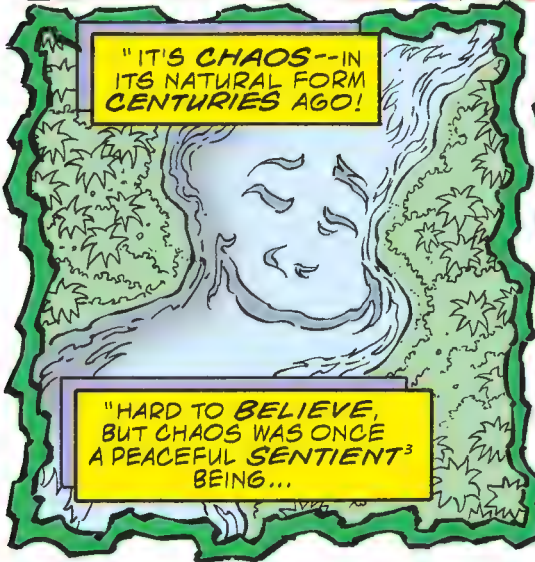
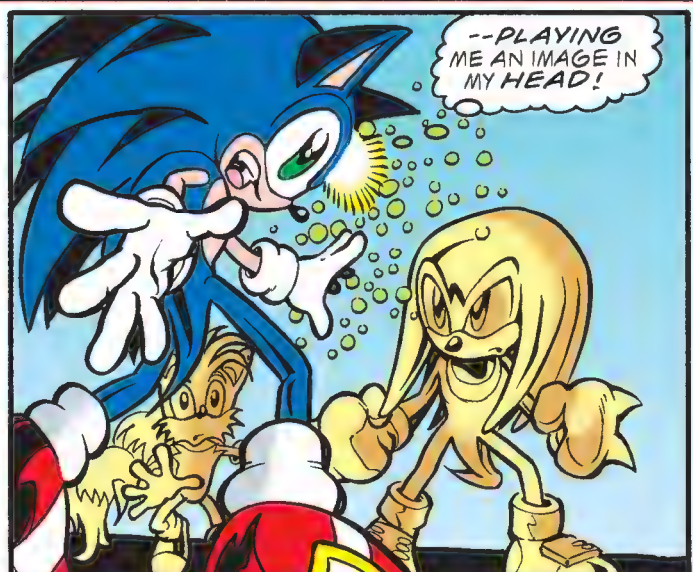
NOOOOOO!



PERFECT  
CHAOS T.K.O'D<sup>2</sup>  
THE EGGMAN--  
WAY PAST  
COOL!

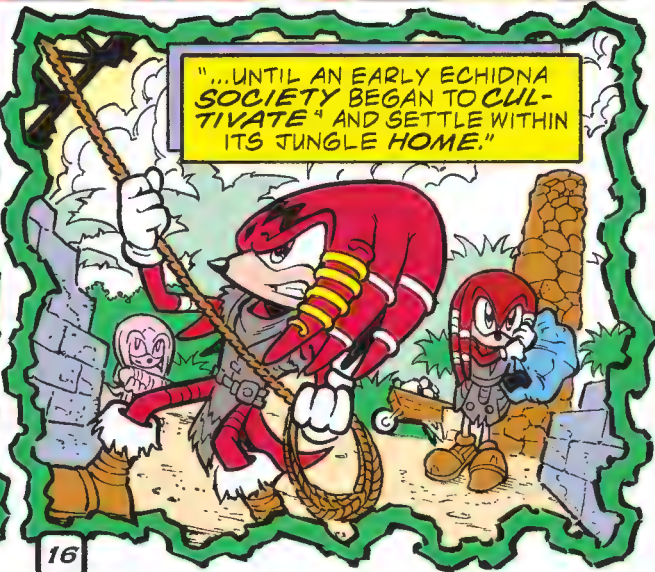


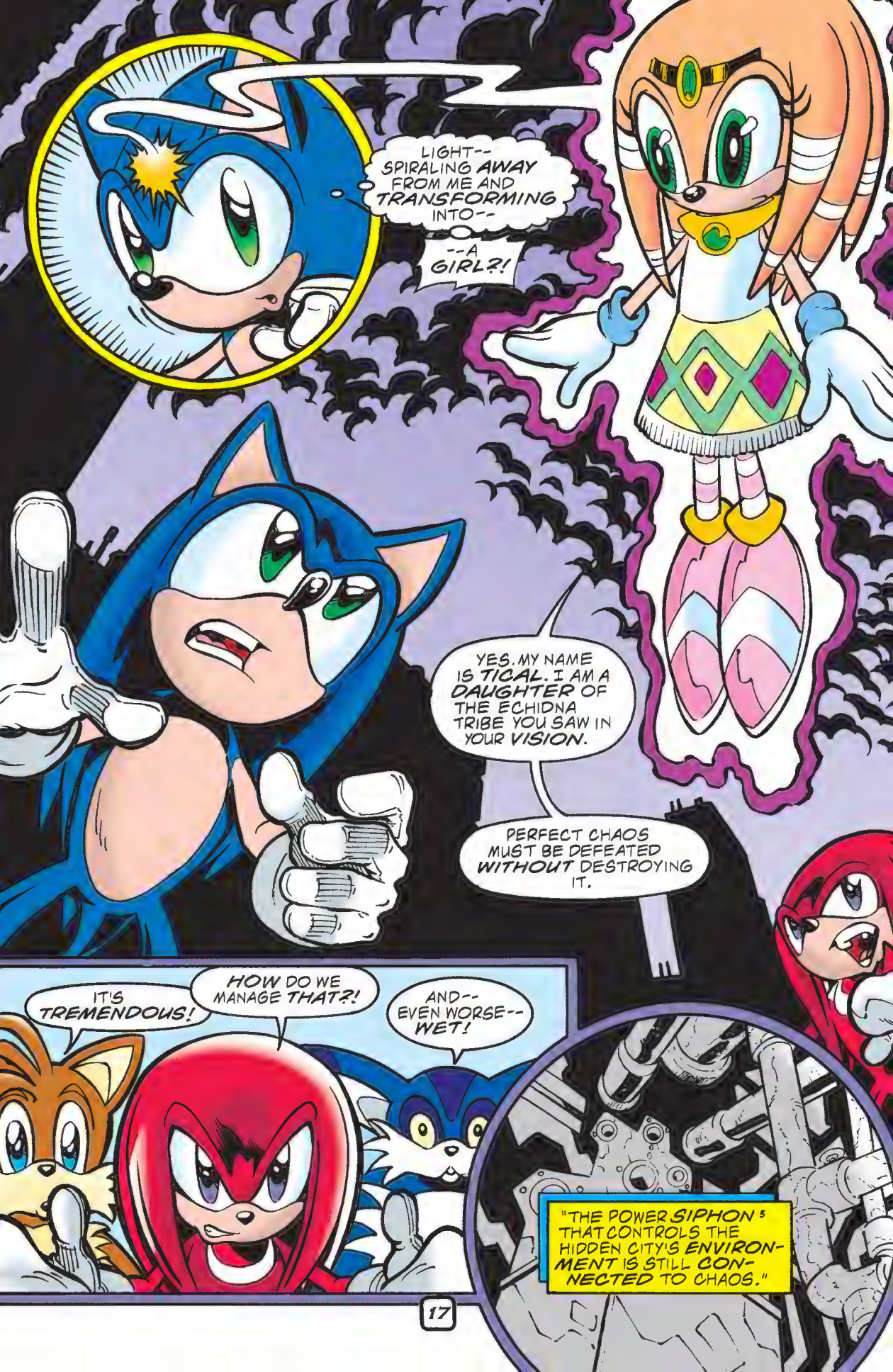
STRANGE,  
SHIMMERING LIGHT--



"IT'S CHAOS--IN  
ITS NATURAL FORM  
CENTURIES AGO!"

"HARD TO BELIEVE,  
BUT CHAOS WAS ONCE  
A PEACEFUL SENTIENT<sup>3</sup>  
BEING..."





LIGHT--  
SPIRALING AWAY  
FROM ME AND  
TRANSFORMING  
INTO--

--A  
GIRL?!

YES, MY NAME  
IS TICAL. I AM A  
DAUGHTER OF  
THE ECHIDNA  
TRIBE YOU SAW IN  
YOUR VISION.

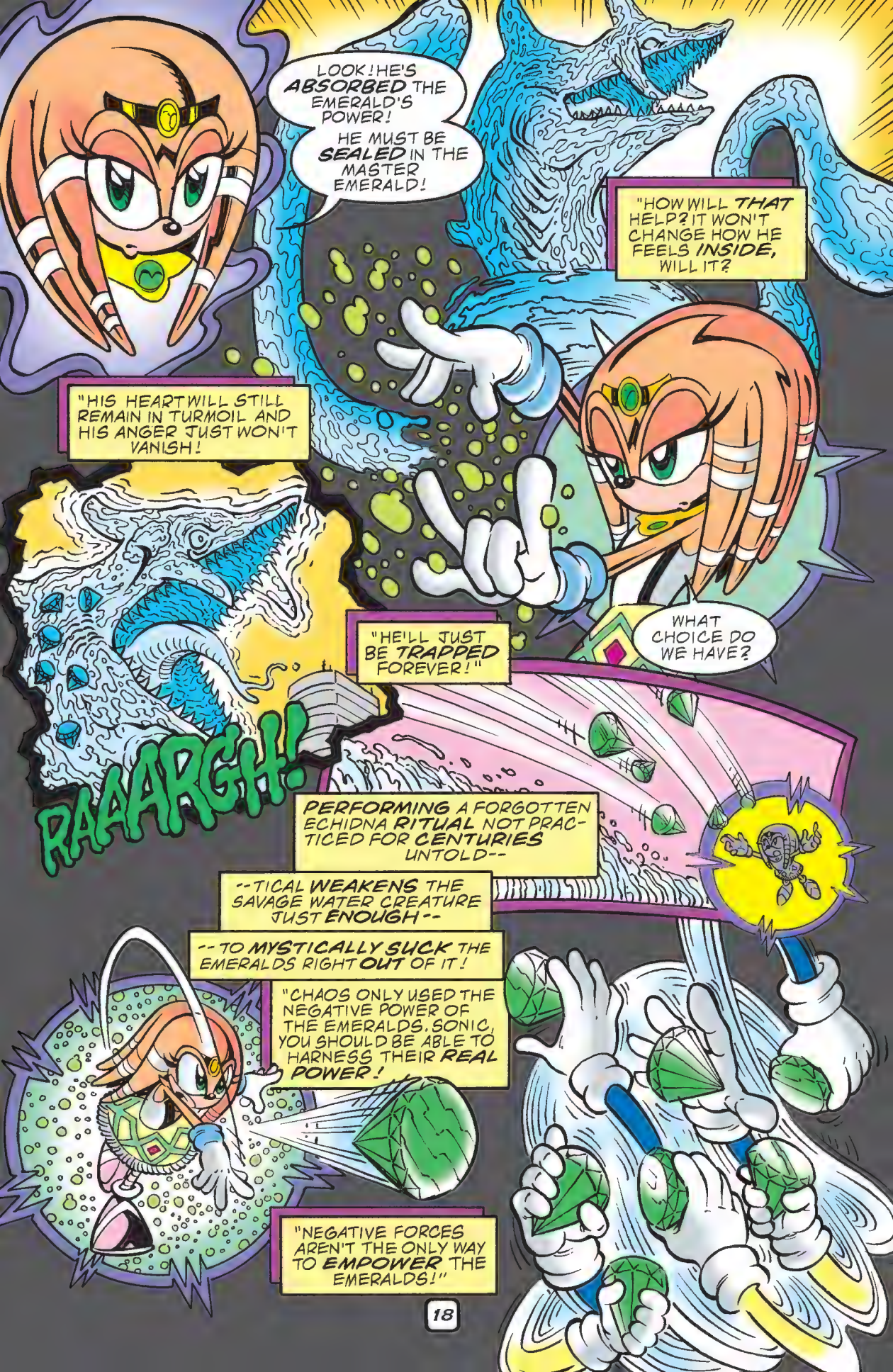
PERFECT CHAOS  
MUST BE DEFEATED  
WITHOUT DESTROYING  
IT.

IT'S  
TREMENDOUS!

HOW DO WE  
MANAGE THAT?!

AND--  
EVEN WORSE--  
WET!

"THE POWER SIPHON<sup>5</sup>  
THAT CONTROLS THE  
HIDDEN CITY'S ENVIRON-  
MENT IS STILL CON-  
NECTED TO CHAOS."



LOOK! HE'S  
ABSORBED THE  
EMERALD'S  
POWER!

HE MUST BE  
SEALED IN THE  
MASTER  
EMERALD!

"HOW WILL *THAT*  
HELP? IT WON'T  
CHANGE HOW HE  
FEELS *INSIDE*,  
WILL IT?"

"HIS HEART WILL STILL  
REMAIN IN TURMOIL AND  
HIS ANGER JUST WON'T  
VANISH!"

"HE'LL JUST  
BE TRAPPED  
FOREVER!"

WHAT  
CHOICE DO  
WE HAVE?

**RAAARGH!**


PERFORMING A FORGOTTEN  
ECHIDNA RITUAL NOT PRACTICED  
FOR CENTURIES  
UNTOLD--

--TICAL WEAKENS THE  
SAVAGE WATER CREATURE  
JUST ENOUGH--

-- TO MYSTICALLY SUCK THE  
EMERALDS RIGHT OUT OF IT!

"CHAOS ONLY USED THE  
NEGATIVE POWER OF  
THE EMERALDS. SONIC,  
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO  
HARNESS THEIR **REAL**  
POWER!"

"NEGATIVE FORCES  
AREN'T THE ONLY WAY  
TO **EMPOWER** THE  
EMERALDS!"

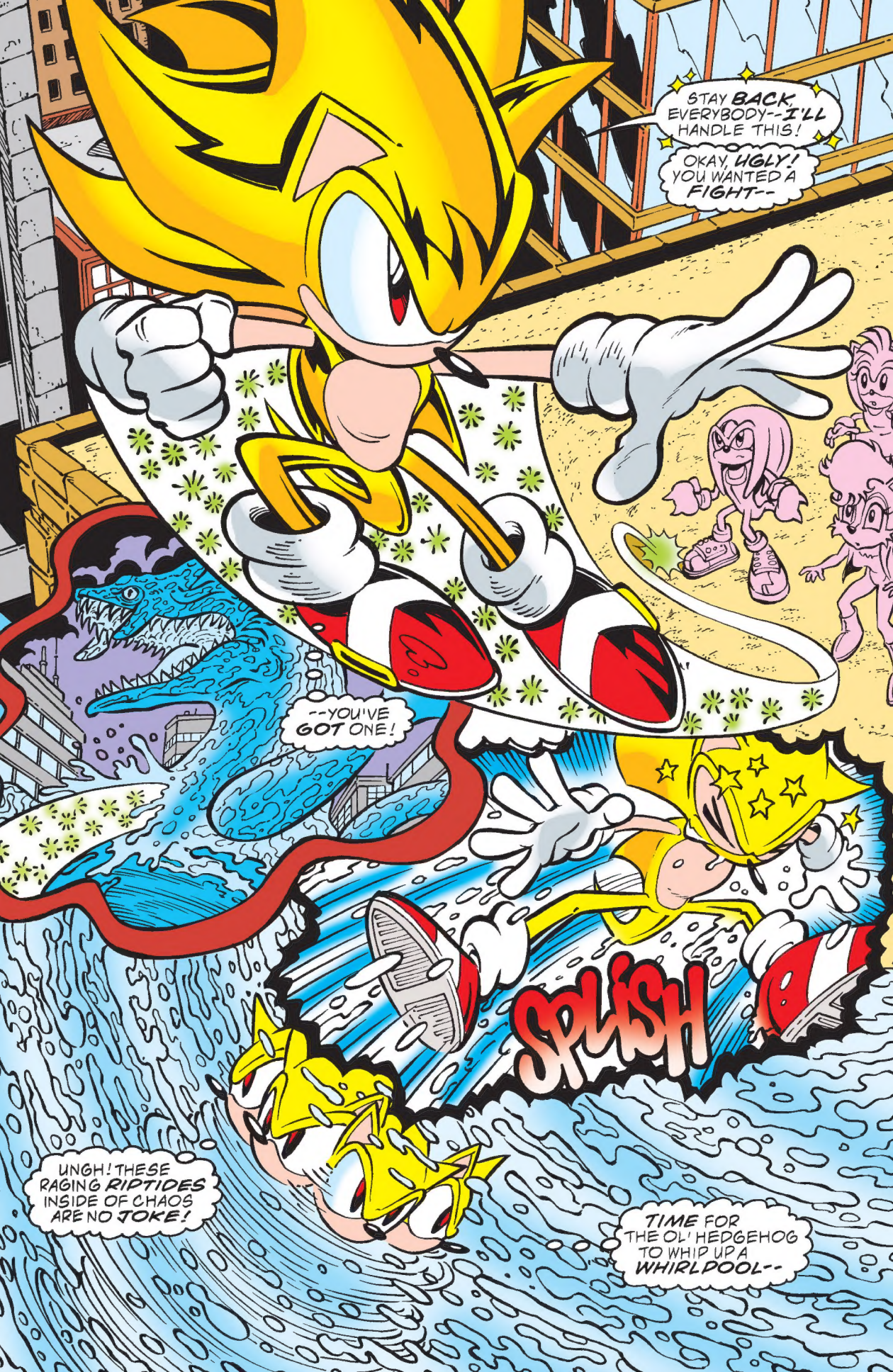
A large, glowing yellow Super Sonic stands in the center of the frame, his body radiating with bright yellow energy. He has a determined, slightly angry expression with his eyes narrowed. His arms are outstretched, and his hands are clenched into fists. The background is a dark, stormy sky with jagged yellow lightning bolts. Below him, a group of blue hedgehogs and anthropomorphic animals are gathered, looking up at him with expressions of awe and surprise. One character in the foreground is wearing a red and white striped shirt. The overall tone is dramatic and powerful.

"OUR POSITIVE  
FEELINGS TOWARD  
EACH OTHER CAN  
MAKE THEM WORK."

"OUR HEARTS  
TOGETHER  
FORM AN  
AWESOME  
POWER."

I DON'T  
BELIEVE  
IT!

YOU'D BETTER  
TAILS--YOUR BUD'S  
BEEN TRANSFORMED  
INTO...*SUPER*  
SONIC!



STAY BACK  
EVERYBODY--I'LL  
HANDLE THIS!

OKAY, UGLY!  
YOU WANTED A  
FIGHT--

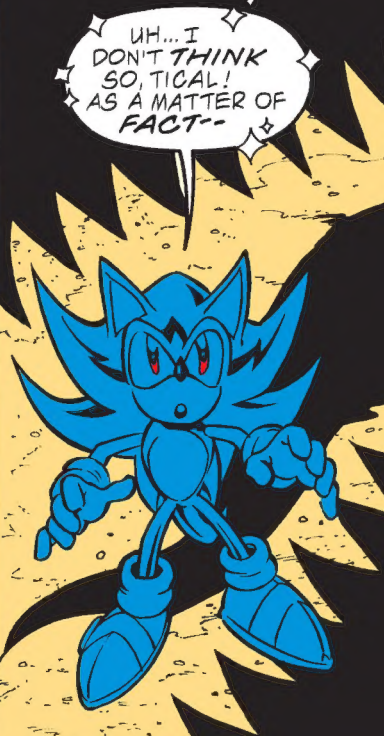
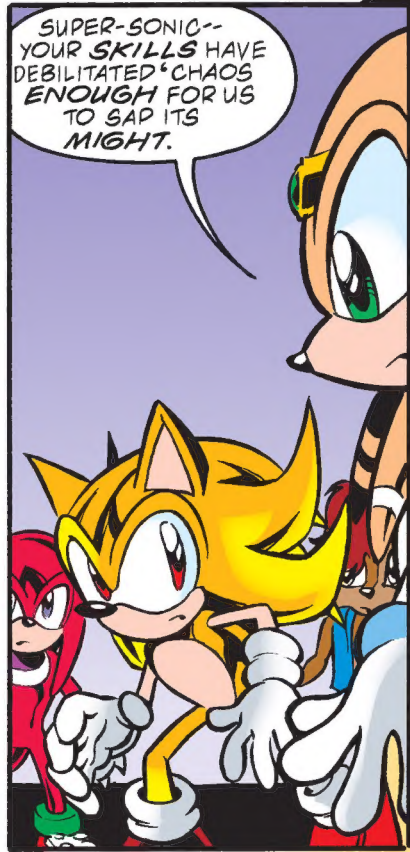
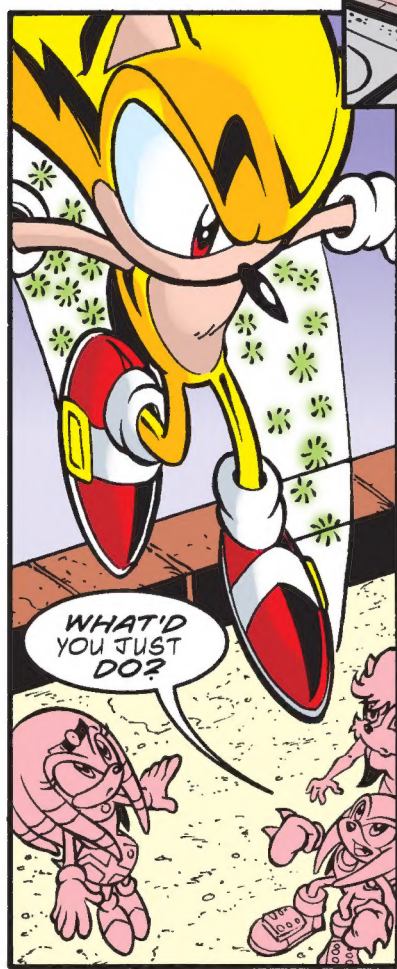
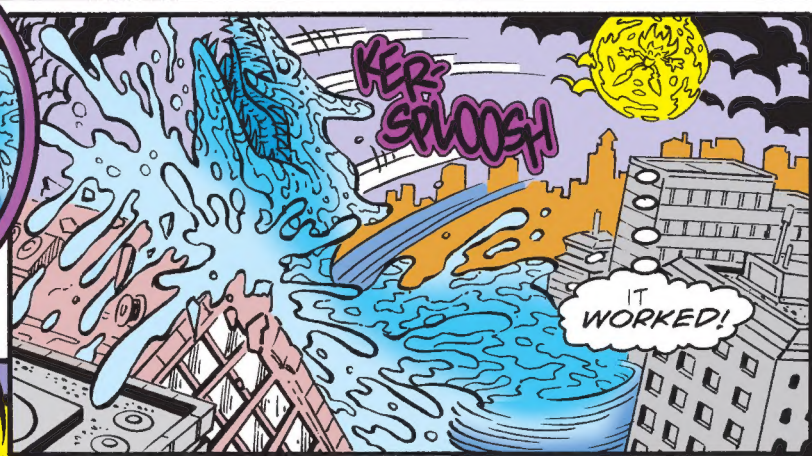
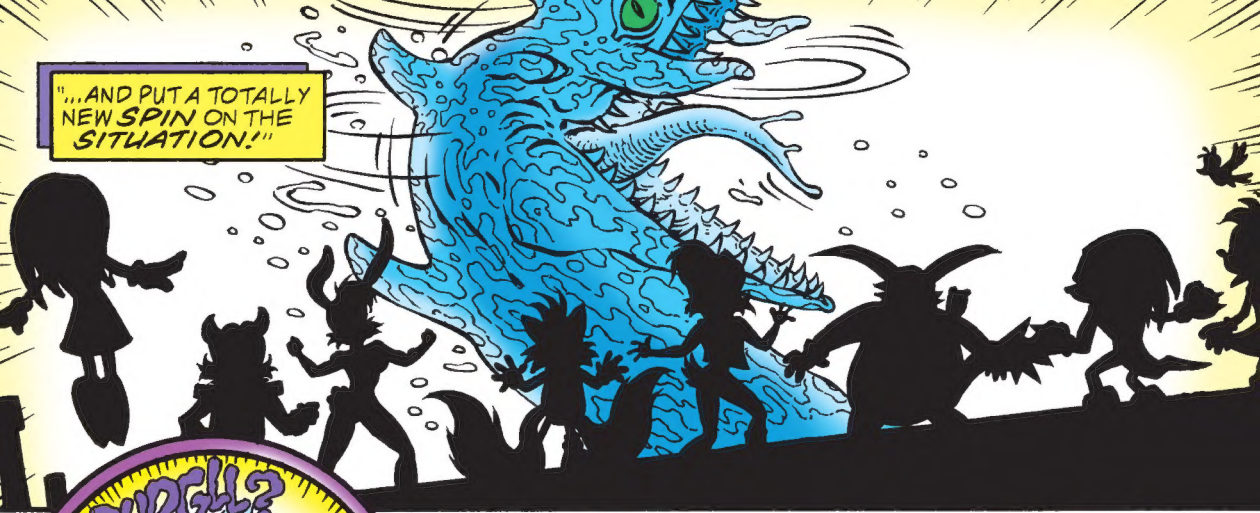
--YOU'VE  
GOT ONE!

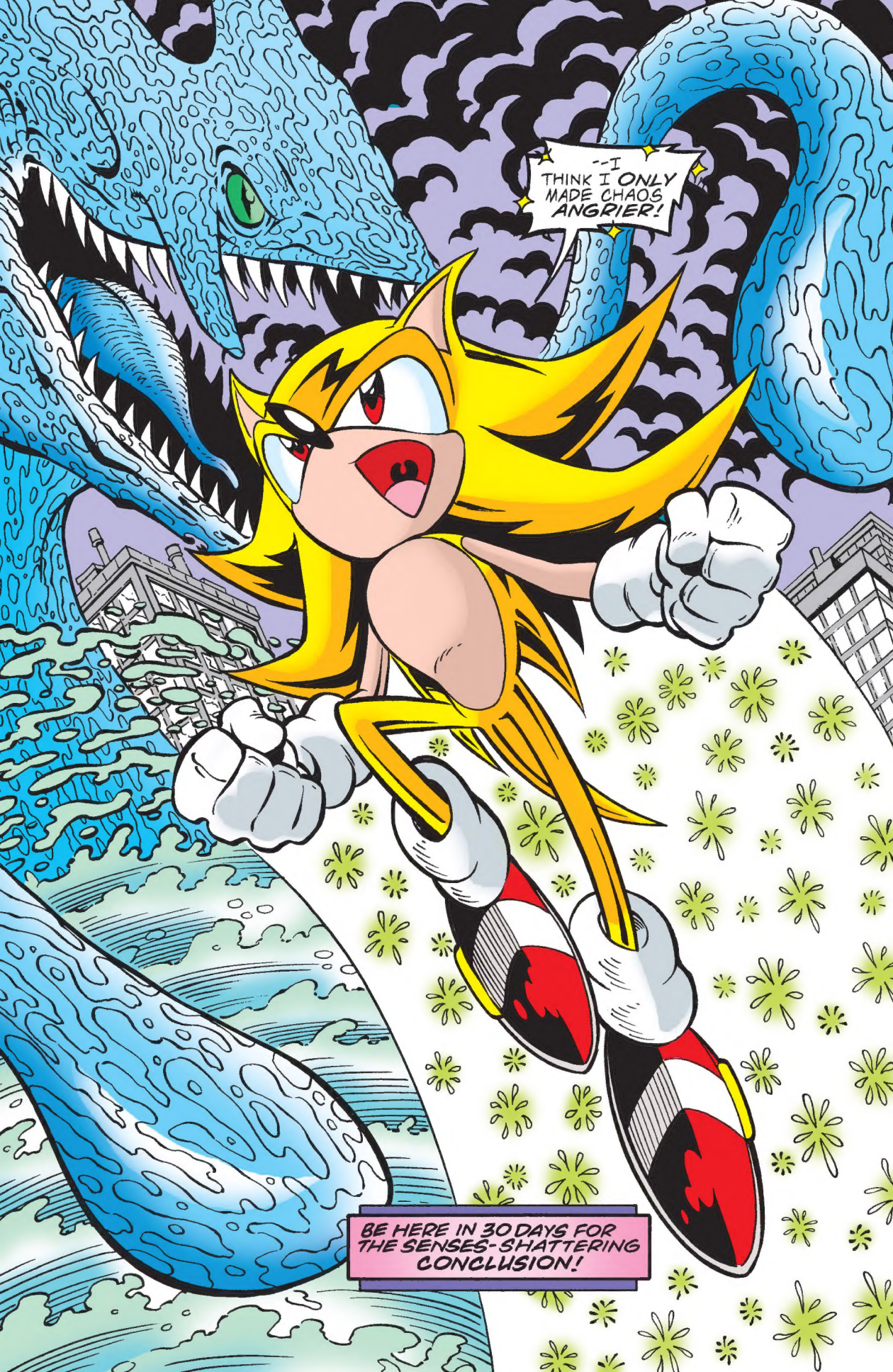
SPLISH

UNGH! THESE  
RAGING RIPTIDES  
INSIDE OF CHAOS  
ARE NO JOKE!

TIME FOR  
THE OL' HEDGEHOG  
TO WHIP UP A  
WHIRLPOOL--

"...AND PUT A TOTALLY  
NEW SPIN ON THE  
SITUATION!"





--I  
THINK I ONLY  
MADE CHAOS  
ANGRIER!

BE HERE IN 30 DAYS FOR  
THE SENSES-SHATTERING  
CONCLUSION!